



30 September 2021

Mr Jim Betts
Planning Secretary
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Locked Bag 5022
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Attention: Pedro Garcia

Dear Mr Betts,

**EXHIBITION OF EIS (SSD-11869481)
UPGRADE TO NORTH SYDNEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
182 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, NORTH SYDNEY**

Thank you for referring SSD 11869481 'Upgrade to North Sydney Public School' Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for review and comment.

TfNSW has reviewed the EIS and the associated Transport Impact Assessment (TIA) and provides advisory comments for the Department's consideration in **TAB A**.

If you have any further inquiries in relation to this development application please contact Vic Naidu, A/Senior Land Use Planner via development.sydney@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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TAB A**Active Transport Considerations**Comment:

The Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment (TAIA), indicates that there will be secure bicycle parking facilities, however there is no reference to the number and location of end-of-trip facilities that will be provided to encourage active transport to the site. The *NSW Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling* has been superseded by *Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides, 2017*, which recommends that bicycle parking for all-day use on a regular basis should be expected to be combined with end-of-trip facilities such as showers, lockers etc.

Recommendation:

As part of the Response to Submission (RtS), TfNSW requests that the Applicant considers the provision of bicycle parking and end of trip facilities for staff, students and visitors in accordance with Australian Standard AS1742.9:2018 *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices - Bicycle Facilities*, and *Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides* to encourage and support active transport to the site.

School Transport PlanComment:

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has reviewed the School Travel Plan (STP) and acknowledges the effort the Applicant has undertaken to date in the development of the STP. TfNSW has reviewed the STP and has a number of recommendations, which we would welcome further discussions with the Applicant regarding these matters to ensure their delivery.

Recommendation:

TfNSW recommends that the Applicant is conditioned to the following:

Prior to occupancy, the Applicant is to provide a School Travel Plan (STP) for TfNSW review and endorsement that:

- Provides details of end of trip/journey facilities, including number and location of all secure bike parking, casual bike parking, any e-bike charging points, showers and lockers, and include this information in the Travel Access Guide (TAG);
- Audits the site's surrounding transport network for potential active transport improvements;
- Includes ambitious targets for cycling and other micro-mobility for staff and students;
- Identifies anonymised staff residential postcodes, to help inform service provision;
- Considers further incentives for staff (noting a third of the responding staff would be strongly encouraged by better cycling facilities) to use active and public transport such as:
 - Pre-loaded opal cards during orientation;
 - Providing panniers or backpacks for staff committed to active travel;
 - Salary sacrifice options for purchases of bikes or other micro-mobility options;
 - Opportunities for staff to share tips and support other staff wanting to start cycling;
 - Wayfinding to end of journey facilities;
 - Bike maintenance equipment for use onsite and bike lights for emergency loans;
 - Encouraging staff to leave earlier to avoid evening peaks;
- Considers further possible incentives for students to use active and public transport such as:
 - Promoting to parents the potential of active travel to school as an opportunity to stay active

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themselves;

- Considering active transport trips after school to a local park or other place of interest with potential for information sharing and community building, as part of the proposed events calendar;
 - Investigating the feasibility of “School street” type initiatives along McHatton Road.
- Includes a completed TAG as noted in the STP with the potential to develop one tailored for students (based on the make your move format) and one for the rest of the school community.

Please send the STP to development.sco@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Construction Pedestrian and Traffic Management (CPMP)

Comment

The cumulative increase in construction vehicle movements from this project could have the potential to impact on general traffic and bus operations within the precinct as well as the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

Recommendation

It requested that the applicant be conditioned to prepare a Construction Pedestrian and Traffic Management Plan (CPTMP). Prior to the issue of any construction certificate or any preparatory, demolition or excavation works, whichever is the earlier, the Applicant should prepare a Construction Pedestrian and Traffic Management Plan (CPTMP) in consultation TfNSW.

The CPTMP should include, but not limited to, the following:

- A description of the development;
- Location of any proposed work zone(s)
- Details of crane arrangements including location of any crane(s);
- Haulage routes;
- Construction vehicle access arrangements;
- Proposed construction hours;
- Predicted number of construction vehicle movements and detail of vehicle types, noting that vehicle movements are to be minimised during peak periods;
- Construction program and construction methodology;
- Any potential impacts to general traffic, cyclists, pedestrians and light rail and bus services within the vicinity of the site from construction vehicles during the construction of the proposed works;
- Cumulative construction impacts of projects and
- Proposed mitigation measures. Should any impacts be identified, the duration of the impacts and measures proposed to mitigate any associated general traffic, public transport, pedestrian and cyclist impacts should be clearly identified and included in the CPTMP.
- Submit a copy of the final plan to TfNSW for endorsement; and
- Provide the builder's direct contact number to small businesses adjoining or impacted by the construction work and TfNSW to resolve issues relating to traffic, public transport, freight, servicing and pedestrian access during construction in real time. The applicant is responsible for ensuring the builder's direct contact number is current during any stage of construction.

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